

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to convey a heartfelt, warm greeting to those individuals who visit the Show-Me State in an official capacity with exceptional service-, family-, and community-oriented organizations; and

Whereas, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James C. Varenhorst of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will be the guest of honor at a Fall Business Meeting which will take place from September 24 to September 26, 2004, in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, an invaluable member of Ludington, Michigan, Lodge No. 736, the Honorable James Varenhorst served as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from 1999 to 2000; and

Whereas, James Varenhorst was born on January 21, 1932, in Hart, Michigan; graduated from Hart High School in 1951; and entered Saint Joseph Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to study for the priesthood only to have his studies interrupted by military service during the Korean War; and

Whereas, after receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1954, James Varenhorst returned to his hometown, married the former Mary Nell Rath, and engaged in a variety of business enterprises; and

Whereas, James Varenhorst was introduced to the Elks at the age of seven when his father died and a neighbor began to take him to Elks picnics and youth activities sponsored by the Muskegon, Michigan Lodge; and

Whereas, in 1964 James Varenhorst was initiated into Ludington Lodge No. 736 to begin an impressive rise through local, district, and national elective and appointed offices in light of his inspired leadership, prodigious skills, and impressive expertise in administration, characteristics which have aided in his highly successful quest to modernize and computerize the procedures and records of the Elks National Foundation and the office of the Grand Lodge:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome Past Grand Exalted Ruler James Varenhorst of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's sincerest best wishes for a highly successful Fall Business Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to James C. Varenhorst as an expression of our esteem for him and his visionary leadership skills.

Offered by _____
Representative Dan Ward
District No. 107

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker